

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the reasons that follow. In the April 7, 2005, Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the Juvinal et al. reference (U.S. Patent No. 4,601,395). The Examiner rejected Claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Juvinal et al. reference in view of the Ishikawa et al. reference (U.S. Patent No. 4,924,083). The Examiner objected to Claims 3-7 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In the previously filed Amendment G, Claims 1 and 4 were amended. Claims 2 and 3 were cancelled. No new matter was added. Claims 1 and 4-7 (5 claims) will remain pending in the present application upon entry of this Supplemental Amendment G.

In the previously filed Amendment G, a terminal disclaimer was referenced, however, the terminal disclaimer was not attached. Therefore, this Supplemental Amendment G is filed to include the terminal disclaimer previously referenced.

Double Patenting

The Examiner indicated in a telephone conference of February 12, 2010, that if the present application were placed in position for allowance that the Examiner would issue a double patenting rejection based on U.S. Patent No. 6,618,495. Applicant has decided to remove this issue by filing a Terminal Disclaimer. Accordingly, accompanying this Supplemental Amendment G is a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.321(b) to overcome the potential double patenting rejection. The conflicting patent, U.S. Patent No. 6,618,495, is assigned to Emhart Glass S.A., the assignee of the present patent application.

Conclusion

It is submitted that each outstanding objection and rejection to the application has been overcome, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims (Claims 1 and 4-7). The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

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